

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the claims are supported by the specification, see in particular the paragraph bridging pages 21 and 22. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 20-30 are now pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a polymer dispersion having low viscosity comprising at least one compound having a dielectric constant of greater than or equal to 9, wherein compound is water, a glycol, an amine, a halogenated hydrocarbon, a ketone and/or an alcohol, in which the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, butanol, glycerol and mixtures thereof. See Claim 1.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Penneweiss et al. is respectfully traversed. The cited reference fails to disclose the claimed polymer dispersion.

Penneweiss et al. disclose polymer emulsions. Neither reference discloses an polymer dispersion which contains at least one compound having a dielectric constant of greater than or equal to 9, which is water, a glycol, an amine, a halogenated hydrocarbon, a ketone and/or an alcohol, and where the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, butanol, glycerol and mixtures thereof. Accordingly, the cited references fail to disclose the claimed dispersion. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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